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at the expense of the country. After an acquaintance with this problem, derived from an experience of over thirty years in the country life of Ireland and the United States, the author is fully convinced that the needs of rural life, which he expresses as "better farming, better business, and better living," can best be met by harmonizing all the forces for betterment and working through (1) a popular propagandist association, (2) a scientific research institute devoted to the study of rural life problems, and (3) agricultural co-operation.

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*History of the Brewing Industry and the Brewery Workers' Organization.*

By HERMANN SCHLÜTER. Cincinnati: Union Brewery Workmen of America, 1910. 8vo, pp. 331.

This book is a historical account of the development of the beer brewing industry and of the Brewery Workers' Movement in America. As the author explains in the preface, the book is written from the workingmen's standpoint. It is, of course, not a "non-partisan" work and this fact must be kept in mind by the reader. In the account of the Brewery Workers' movement Mr. Schlüter describes the poor condition of the brewery workers in the early days of the business, their struggles during the movement which finally resulted in organization, and the betterment of their conditions after the completion of their organization.

A small part of the volume is given over to a discussion of the movement for prohibition and Sunday closing, neither of which the author favors, although the reasons he advances are different from those advanced by the brewery capitalist. At bottom the book is rather in the nature of an appeal to the brewery workers to keep a "firm and uniform organization" and to be in constant readiness for battle.

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*Karl Marx: His Life and Work.* By JOHN SPARGO. 2d ed. New York: B. W. Huebsch, 1910. 8vo, pp. 359. \$2.50 net.

A sympathetic and interpretative account of the life of Karl Marx must, of necessity, come from the pen of one who himself is a thoroughgoing Marxian. It is not surprising, then, that John Spargo, in many respects the most consistent and conservative of present-day Marxian socialists, should be the first biographer of the renowned author of the *Communist Manifesto* and *Das Kapital*.